

**United States District Court  
District of Massachusetts (Boston)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-12115-DPW**

The Protect Democracy Project, Inc. v. U.S. Department of State  
Assigned to: Judge Douglas P. Woodlock  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/11/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/11/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. Department of State Filing fee: \$ 400, receipt number 0101-7921073 (Fee Status: Filing Fee paid), filed by The Protect Democracy Project, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Category Form)(Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/11/2019)

10/11/2019	<u>2</u>	ELECTRONIC NOTICE of Case Assignment. Judge Douglas P. Woodlock assigned to case. If the trial Judge issues an Order of Reference of any matter in this case to a Magistrate Judge, the matter will be transmitted to Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler. (Finn, Mary) (Entered: 10/11/2019)
10/11/2019	<u>3</u>	Summons Issued as to U.S. Department of State. <b>Counsel receiving this notice electronically should download this summons, complete one for each defendant and serve it in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 4 and LR 4.1. Summons will be mailed to plaintiff(s) not receiving notice electronically for completion of service.</b> (Pacho, Arnold) (Entered: 10/11/2019)
10/28/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed U.S. Department of State served on 10/21/2019, answer due 11/12/2019. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
10/28/2019	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed as to US Attorney by The Protect Democracy Project, Inc.. U.S. Department of State served on 10/17/2019, answer due 12/16/2019. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
10/28/2019	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by The Protect Democracy Project, Inc.. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
10/31/2019	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice for admission of Jessica A. Marsden Filing fee: \$ 100, receipt number 0101-7948961 by The Protect Democracy Project, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
10/31/2019	<u>8</u>	Judge Douglas P. Woodlock: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered granting <u>7</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Added Jessica A. Marsden. <b>Attorneys admitted Pro Hac Vice must register for electronic filing if the attorney does not already have an ECF account in this district. To register go to the Court website at <a href="http://www.mad.uscourts.gov">www.mad.uscourts.gov</a>. Select Case Information, then Electronic Filing (CM/ECF) and go to the CM/ECF Registration Form.</b> (McDonagh, Christina) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
11/18/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. Department of State.(Abbuhl, Joshua) (Main Document 9 replaced on 11/19/2019) (McDonagh, Christina). (Entered: 11/18/2019)
11/19/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason C. Weida on behalf of U.S. Department of State (Weida, Jason) (Entered: 11/19/2019)
11/19/2019	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>by both parties</i> by U.S. Department of State. (Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 11/19/2019)
11/21/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE – Conference is SCHEDULED for 12/4/2019 at 3:15 p.m. in Courtroom 1 before Judge Douglas P. Woodlock. (Beatty, Barbara) (Entered: 11/21/2019)